

Thompson (MS)	Veasey	Waters, Maxine
Titus	Vela	Watson Coleman
Tonko	Velázquez	Welch
Torres	Visclosky	Wilson (FL)
Tsongas	Walz	Yarmuth
Van Hollen	Wasserman	
Vargas	Schultz	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Hice, Jody B.

NOT VOTING—5

Barletta	Brady (PA)
Boyle, Brendan F.	Capps
	Hinojosa

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1732

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. REICHERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, this is National Police Week, and Friday is Peace Officers Memorial Day. Today I have with me my two good friends who have served in law enforcement. There are some others, I think, in our body who have had that experience. So I brought some backup today with me.

Every year we take a moment to recognize our law enforcement officers across this great Nation, the men and women who wear the uniform, who wear the badge, who protect our families and our communities.

This year, 273 names will be added to the memorial wall—273 names. Already this year we have lost 44 police officers in the line of duty—44 already this year. That is one police officer dying in the line of duty every 3½ days—every 3½ days.

Madam Speaker, these men and women deserve our praise. They deserve our thanks, and they deserve the recognition that we can give them today on the floor of the House. There are families here who have lost loved ones. At the service on Friday, the President will be there to address them.

We rise today, the three of us together, to ask for a moment of silence to honor those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will rise, and the House will observe a moment of silence.

UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY FULFILLING RIGHTS AND ENSURING EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE OVER MONITORING ACT OF 2015

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the passage of the bill (H.R. 2048) to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 338, nays 88, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 224]

YEAS—338

Abraham	Curbelo (FL)	Jeffries
Adams	Davis (CA)	Jenkins (KS)
Aderholt	Davis, Rodney	Jenkins (WV)
Aguilar	Delaney	Johnson (GA)
Allen	DeLauro	Johnson (OH)
Amodei	DeBene	Johnson, E. B.
Ashford	Denham	Johnson, Sam
Babin	Dent	Jolly
Barr	DeSantis	Joyce
Barton	DeSaulnier	Kaptur
Beatty	Deutch	Katko
Becerra	Diaz-Balart	Keating
Benishek	Dingell	Kelly (IL)
Bera	Dold	Kelly (PA)
Beyer	Donovan	Kennedy
Bilirakis	Doyle, Michael F.	Kildee
Bishop (GA)		Kilmer
Bishop (MI)	Duckworth	Kind
Bishop (UT)	Duffy	King (NY)
Black	Ellmers (NC)	Kinzinger (IL)
Blackburn	Engel	Kirkpatrick
Bonamici	Engho	Kline
Bost	Esty	Knight
Boustany	Farenthold	Kuster
Brady (TX)	Fincher	LaMalfa
Bridenstine	Fleischmann	Lamborn
Brooks (IN)	Flores	Lance
Brown (FL)	Forbes	Langevin
Brownley (CA)	Portenberry	Larsen (WA)
Buchanan	Foster	Larson (CT)
Buck	Fox	Latta
Bucshon	Frankel (FL)	Lawrence
Bustos	Franks (AZ)	Levin
Butterfield	Frelinghuysen	Lipinski
Byrne	Fudge	LoBiondo
Calvert	Gallego	Loeb
Cárdenas	Garamendi	Lofgren
Carney	Gibbs	Long
Carson (IN)	Goodlatte	Loudermilk
Carter (GA)	Gowdy	Love
Carter (TX)	Graham	Lowey
Cartwright	Granger	Lucas
Castor (FL)	Graves (MO)	Luetkemeyer
Chabot	Green, Gene	Lujan Grisham
Chaffetz	Grothman	(NM)
Chu, Judy	Guthrie	Lujan, Ben Ray
Cicilline	Gutiérrez	(NM)
Clay	Hahn	Lynch
Clyburn	Hardy	MacArthur
Coffman	Harper	Maloney,
Cohen	Hartzler	Carolyn
Cole	Heck (NV)	Maloney, Sean
Collins (GA)	Heck (WA)	Marchant
Collins (NY)	Hensarling	Marino
Comstock	Higgins	Matsui
Conaway	Hill	McCarthy
Connolly	Himes	McCaul
Conyers	Holding	McCollum
Cook	Hoyer	McDermott
Cooper	Hudson	McHenry
Costa	Huffman	McKinley
Costello (PA)	Huizenga (MI)	McMorris
Courtney	Hultgren	Rodgers
Cramer	Hunter	McNerney
Crawford	Hurd (TX)	McSally
Crenshaw	Hurt (VA)	Meehan
Cuellar	Israel	Meeks
Culberson	Issa	Meng
Cummings	Jackson Lee	Messer

Mica	Roby	Stutzman
Miller (FL)	Rogers (AL)	Swalwell (CA)
Miller (MI)	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (CA)
Moolenaar	Rokita	Thompson (MS)
Mooney (WV)	Rooney (FL)	Thompson (PA)
Moore	Ros-Lehtinen	Thornberry
Moulton	Roskam	Tiberi
Mullin	Ross	Tipton
Murphy (FL)	Rothfus	Titus
Murphy (PA)	Rouzer	Tonko
Nadler	Roybal-Allard	Torres
Napolitano	Royce	Trott
Neugebauer	Ruiz	Tsongas
Newhouse	Ruppersberger	Turner
Noem	Russell	Upton
Nolan	Ryan (OH)	Valadao
Norcross	Ryan (WI)	Vargas
Nunes	Sánchez, Linda T.	Veasey
O'Rourke	Sanchez, Loretta	Vela
Olson	Sarbanes	Visclosky
Palazzo	Scalise	Wagner
Palmer	Schiff	Walberg
Pascrell	Schrader	Walden
Paulsen	Scott (VA)	Walker
Payne	Scott, Austin	Walorski
Pearce	Scott, David	Walters, Mimi
Pelosi	Sensenbrenner	Walz
Perlmutter	Sessions	Wasserman
Peters	Sewell (AL)	Schultz
Peterson	Sherman	Webster (FL)
Pittenger	Shimkus	Welch
Pitts	Shuster	Wenstrup
Poliquin	Simpson	Westerman
Pompeo	Sinema	Westmoreland
Price (NC)	Sires	Whitfield
Price, Tom	Slaughter	Williams
Quigley	Smith (MO)	Wilson (FL)
Ratcliffe	Smith (NE)	Wilson (SC)
Reed	Smith (NJ)	Wittman
Reichert	Smith (TX)	Womack
Renacci	Smith (WA)	Yarmuth
Ribble	Speier	Young (AK)
Rice (NY)	Stefanik	Young (IA)
Rice (SC)	Stewart	Young (IN)
Richmond	Stivers	Zeldin
Rigell		Zinke

NAYS—88

Amash	Gohmert	Neal
Bass	Gosar	Nugent
Blum	Graves (GA)	Pallone
Blumenauer	Graves (LA)	Perry
Brat	Grayson	Pingree
Brooks (AL)	Green, Al	Pocan
Burgess	Griffith	Poe (TX)
Capuano	Grijalva	Polis
Clark (MA)	Guinta	Posey
Clarke (NY)	Hanna	Rangel
Clawson (FL)	Harris	Roe (TN)
Cleaver	Hastings	Rohrabacher
Crowley	Herrera Beutler	Rush
Davis, Danny	Hice, Jody B.	Salmon
DeFazio	Honda	Sanford
DeGette	Huelskamp	Schakowsky
DesJarlais	Jones	Schweikert
Doggett	Jordan	Serrano
Duncan (SC)	King (IA)	Takai
Duncan (TN)	Labrador	Takano
Edwards	Lee	Van Hollen
Ellison	Lewis	Velázquez
Emmer (MN)	Lieu, Ted	Waters, Maxine
Farr	Lowenthal	Watson Coleman
Fattah	Lummis	Weber (TX)
Fitzpatrick	Massie	Woodall
Fleming	McClintock	Yoder
Gabbard	McGovern	Yoho
Garrett	Meadows	
Gibson	Mulvaney	

NOT VOTING—6

Barletta	Brady (PA)	Hinojosa
Boyle, Brendan F.	Capps	
	Castro (TX)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YOUNG of Iowa) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1746

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my vote was not recorded on rollcall No. 224 on H.R. 2048—USA Freedom Act of 2015. I was present for the vote but not recorded due to a mechanical problem with my voting card. I intended to vote “aye.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes on May 13, 2015 and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 221: No.
Rollcall No. 222: Yes.
Rollcall No. 223: No.
Rollcall No. 224: Yes.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PERMISSION TO EXTEND DEBATE
TIME ON H.R. 1191, PROTECTING
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND
EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ACT

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that debate under clause 1(c) of rule XV on a motion to suspend the rules relating to H.R. 1191 be extended to 1 hour.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 1735.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 255 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1735.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. GRAVES) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

□ 1750

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military per-

sonnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, with Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 4 minutes.

Mr. Chairman, I am proud to bring to the floor H.R. 1735, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016. This measure was reported by the Armed Services Committee by a vote of 60 members voting for and two members voting against. Of the two members, there was one from each party.

This bill follows the bipartisan tradition of the committee working collaboratively with an integrated staff to support the men and women who serve and protect our Nation.

All members of the committee have contributed to this product, and I am very grateful for all of their efforts throughout the year. I am especially grateful to the efforts of the ranking member, Mr. SMITH, not only for his contributions and for his partnership in the committee but doing so at a time where he has been dealing with surgeries and a variety of things. But it has been a true pleasure and continues to be to work with him for the benefit of our Nation.

Mr. Chairman, this bill authorizes spending for the Department of Defense at a level that is consistent with the congressional budget resolution and a level that is consistent with the President's budget request. So there have been differences, and there will continue to be some differences about how some of that spending gets categorized, but when you add it all up together, this authorization measure meets exactly what the President has asked for, which is essentially \$611.9 billion for national defense.

Included is a program-by-program authorization for all of that spending; whether it is in the overseas contingency account or the base budget, it is all authorized program by program.

This bill also contains some significant reforms, including acquisition reform, to improve the way the Department purchases goods and services. We have been working with the Pentagon and with industry to thin out regulations, simplify the process, and make it easier to hold industry and government personnel accountable for the results.

This bill has overhead reform to reduce the amount of money that we are spending on overhead and bureaucracy so that more resources can be devoted to the men and women on the front lines.

This measure has reform in the area of personnel pay and benefits. Of the 15 recommendations by the personnel commission, this measure does some-

thing in 11 of those 15 so that we can be in better shape to continue to recruit and retain the top quality people that our Nation needs for decades to come.

Now, some people say, Well, there is too much reform here. Some people say, Well, there is not enough reform here. There isn't enough if enough means you solve all the problems. But there is a start at significant reform that helps make sure we get better value for the money we spend and also that the Department is more agile in meeting the national security challenges we face.

Mr. Chairman, this morning in reading the papers, I made some notes about the headlines just in one newspaper today, May 13, 2015. Some of those headlines are “Kerry Meets Putin,” “U.S. Weighs Plan to Confront China in the South China Sea,” and “Fresh Earthquake Rattles Nepal.”

By the way, Mr. Chairman, I know that the Marines and their families who were involved in the helicopter, which has not yet been found to my understanding, are certainly in our thoughts and prayers. Our military is called upon to do humanitarian efforts.

The CHAIR. The time of the gentleman from Texas has expired.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself an additional 1 minute.

“Somali Men Plead Guilty in Terror Plot,” “North Korea Executes Defense Chief,” and “Assad Still Has Chemical Arms.” The list goes on and on. This is the world that we face. This is the world we send our men and women out into to protect us and to defend our Nation. They deserve the best from us. They deserve something other than political games. They should not be used as pawns to make a point.

We should give them our best by doing our job under the Constitution, just as they give us their best in defending this country. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I think this bill, H.R. 1735, deserves the support of all Members in this House, and I hope they will do so.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Chairman, I want to congratulate the chairman—this is his first year as chairman—on his hard work on this bill, and there are a lot of very good things in this bill. I think most prominently is the reform the chairman mentioned, the compensation reform. We formed a commission to study how we do personnel compensation and the retirement system. In a very rare move, we actually followed some of the advice of that commission in this bill and made, I think, some very positive reforms to the personnel compensation system. There are a variety of other reforms the chairman has worked on that are important. There is also a whole slew of provisions in there that do, in fact, do an excellent job of providing for the men and women who defend our country. So there are a lot of very positive things about this bill.